

**FIFTY-SECOND DAY.**

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas.

Monday, March 30, 1931.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Beck.	Oneal.
Berkeley.	Parr.
Cousins.	Parrish.
Cunningham.	Patton.
DeBerry.	Poage.
Gainer.	Purl.
Greer.	Rawlings.
Hardin.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Small.
Hopkins.	Stevenson.
Hornsby.	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Martin.	Woodruff.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.

Absent.

Pollard.

Prayer by Dr. Daniel E. Greider, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Woodward.

**Petitions and Memorials.**

(See Appendix.)

**Committee Reports.**

(See Appendix.)

**Bills and Resolutions.**

By an affirmative vote of four-fifths of the membership of the Senate, the constitutional rule relating to the introduction of general bills during the last 90 days of the session was suspended and consent was granted to introduce the following bill:

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2955, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925; and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Senator Williamson:

S. B. No. 575, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a system of public roads and bridges for Bexar County and to empower the Commissioners' court thereof, to provide rules and regulations therefor, and a system for the construction of such roads and bridges, the maintenance and repair thereof, and to condemn private property for such purposes, to constitute each county commissioner ex-officio commissioner of the public roads and bridges of his precinct and to prescribe the powers and duties of the county commissioners; etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read and referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

**S. C. R. No. 28.**

Senator Hopkins sent up the following resolution:

Whereas, The people of Texas have recently adopted an amendment to the State Constitution providing for a Regular Session of one hundred and twenty days, double the time theretofore prescribed by the Constitution for Regular Sessions of the Legislature, and in such amendment doubled the compensation of members of the legislature; and

Whereas, The proponements of said Constitutional Amendment urged its passage on the grounds that by providing for a Regular Session of such length the Legislature would be enabled to complete its labor and attend the necessary business of the State during a Regular Session without the necessity of Special Called and Extraordinary Sessions, and that the increased compensation provided by such amendment would not result in increased expenses to the State because of the fact that the Legislature would be enabled to complete all of its labor at its Regular Session and thus save the cost and expenses of numerous Special and Extraordinary Sessions; and

Whereas, The Regular Session of the Forty Second Legislature has been in session for seventy two days without having passed upon the general appropriation bills, which bills are the proper and necessary

business of a Regular Session in order that proper provisions may be made for the operation of the various departments and institutions of the State Government for the ensuing biennium; and

Whereas, It is or should be the policy of all proper Democratic Government to make only such appropriations as are necessary for the safe, sane, efficient and economic operation of the departments and institutions of the government and taxes should be levied and revenue raised only to meet appropriations so made; and

Whereas, The people of Texas have a right to expect of the Forty Second Legislature that it keep faith with the people who enacted the recent amendment to the Constitution by completing its necessary labors within the regular session of one hundred and twenty days; and

Whereas, a great portion of the labors yet unperformed consists of the final enactment of the General Appropriation Bills, which bills have not yet been reported from the committee, and it will be necessary for this Legislature to give preferential attention to such bills in order to complete its labors within the one hundred and twenty days and avoid the necessity of a Special or Extraordinary Session; Now, Therefore, Be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate and the chairman of the Appropriation Committee of the House, be and they are hereby instructed to conclude their hearings and report to the respective Houses the general appropriation bills heretofore introduced and referred to said respective committee within six days from the passage of this resolution, and that when so reported said bills shall take precedence on the calendars of the several Houses over all pending measures, and shall be considered and finally acted upon before any other bill or measure is considered in either House, and that said order of business may be suspended only by a joint resolution and consent of both Houses.

HOPKINS.

The resolution was read.

Senator Woodruff moved to table the resolution. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Beck.	Parrish.
Berkeley.	Patton.
Cousins.	Poage.
Cunningham.	Purl.
Gainer.	Rawlings.
Greer.	Russek.
Hardin.	Stevenson.
Holbrook.	Thomason.
Loy.	Williamson.
Moore.	Woodruff.
Neal.	Woodul.
Oneal.	Woodward.
Parr.	

Nays—5.

DeBerry.	Martin.
Hopkins.	Small.
Hornsby.	

Absent.

Pollard.

#### Judge McCullough Speaks.

On motion of Senator Purl, Judge Tom McCullough, president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, was extended the privilege of the floor and invited to address the Senate.

The Chair appointed Senators Purl, Poage, and Moore to escort Mr. McCullough to the platform.

The Chair introduced Senator Purl who introduced Mr. McCullough. Mr. McCullough briefly addressed the Senate.

#### Simple Resolution No. 93.

Senator Hornsby sent up the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. Luther Johnson, member of Congress of the Sixth Congressional District and one of the ablest and most efficient of the Texas delegation in the United States Congress, is now visiting in his Capitol City; Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That he be accorded the privileges of the floor and invited to address the Senate.

HORNSBY,  
GREER.

Read and adopted.

#### Messages from the House.

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper, who introduced a messenger

from the House with the following messages:

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate,

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 311, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate assessment, ordinances and to validate the lien attempted to be created thereby in cities in the State of Texas having a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) according to the last preceeding United States census, where State, County and Federal governments have contributed to the cost of improvements, and validating all actions, ordinances and proceedings taken, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and providing that if a portion of this act shall be declared unconstitutional the remainder shall not be affected thereby, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the taking of fish in Dimmit, Zavala, Medina, Uvalde, DeWitt, Brown, Hamilton, Coryell, Gonzales, Lamar, Bell, Collin, Grayson, Gillespie, Kendall, Blanco, Llano, Mason, McCulloch, San Saba, Cooke, Denton, Menard, Kimble, Jefferson, Orange, Mitchell, Fisher, Nolan, Chambers, Travis, Hardin, Lampasas, Fannin, Burnet and Williamson Counties; permitting the taking or catching of suckers, buffalo, carp, shad or gar in any of the fresh waters in the above counties during the months of July, August, September and October with any seine or net of mesh of not less than one inch square; permitting the taking of suckers, buffalo, carp, shad or gar at any time of the year in any of the fresh waters in any of these counties by use of wire rope, grab hooks or gig, eac., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 811, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 31 of the Acts of the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, relating to the qualifications and duties of the county board of education of certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 821, A bill to be entitled

"An Act ratifying and validating the Buna Independent School District, ratifying and validating the proceedings of the boards of county school trustees of Jasper County and Orange County, respectively, in annexing territory thereto, ratifying and validating the elections held in Buna Independent School District and Gum Slough Common School District, annexing said Gum Slough Common School District to Buna Independent School District, ratifying and validating the petitions and actions thereon by the board of trustees of Buna Independent School District and also by the board of county school trustees of Orange county annexing territory, being portions of other common school districts, to Buna Independent School District, defining and describing Buna Independent School District after such annexations, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 846, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting the taking or catching of catfish, drum, buffalo, suckers, carp, shad or gar in the fresh waters of Wood County during any month of the year except March and April with any seine or net with a mesh of not less than two inches square, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 851, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the hunting, shooting or killing of wild duck, wild geese, wild brant or any other wild water fowl within Harrison and Marion Counties from 12:00 o'clock noon of each day, until thirty minutes before sunrise of the following day; fixing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 859, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 97 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, and Chapter 30, Special Laws of the First Called Session of the Fortieth Legislature, being local road laws for the county of Wood, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 864, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the jurisdiction of the county court of Kimble county, conferring upon said court civil and criminal jurisdiction and increasing the civil and criminal jurisdiction of said court; conforming the jurisdiction of the district and justice courts of said county to such change;

fixing the time of holding the terms of the county court; repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 865, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of Jack County, Texas, to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes, and to levy a tax in payment thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 866, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person to take or catch any kind of fish in any of the waters in Hays County during the months of February, March and April of each year, fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 870, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a rural school supervisor in certain counties in lieu of teachers' institutes; prescribing the duties of said supervisor; providing for visits to schools of the county and work in co-operation with teachers; prescribing the salary, office and traveling expenses of said supervisor and how it shall be paid; providing other things incidental to said purpose, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 872, A bill to be entitled "An Act to levy and collect annually a three dollar and fifty cent road tax against all able-bodied male citizens of Burleson County, Texas, who are between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years; providing the manner of assessment and collection of said tax, and repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 874, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the selection of school depositories for independent districts in certain counties regardless of the population of said districts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 688, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the State Auditor and Efficiency Expert to immediately begin an audit of the affairs, accounts, books, contracts and employees of the State Highway Department, and making an appropriation out of the funds belonging to the said Highway Department for the purpose of paying the employees necessary to carry out the

provisions of this act in the sum of \$12,900, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,  
LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.  
Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the Free Conference Report on S. B. No. 103 by a vote of 105 yeas and 15 nays.

#### Senate Bill No. 567.

The Chair laid before the Senate by unanimous consent the following bill:

By Senators Moore, Hardin, Woodul, Beck, Pollard, Thomason, Stevenson, Neal, Russek, Purl, Greer, Woodward, Woodruff, Parr, Oneal, Hornsby, Poage, Gainer, Berkeley, Martin, Williamson, Patton.

S. B. No. 567, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining primary and secondary highways; designating highways so defined, directing the State Highway Commission to complete construction of said designated highways in their order; limiting the designation of primary and secondary highways; and declaring an emergency."

The four committee amendments were adopted.

The bill was read second time.

Senator Moore sent up the following amendment:

Amend Section 5, of S. B. 567, Page 723, Line 11 of Section 5, by adding after the figure "2" the following:

"Our House Joint Resolution No. 14, 42nd Legislature, 1931."

MOORE.

Read and adopted.

Senator Woodul sent up the following amendment:

Amend S. B. 567 at the end of Section 4 by adding at the end thereof:

"Provided further that the Highway Commission shall have no authority to reroute any highway in such manner as to miss any villages,

towns, or cities now on designated highways."

**WOODUL.**

The amendment was read.

Senator Poage sent up the following amendment to the amendment:

"Amend the amendment by striking out 'villages' and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'of not less than 200 population'."

**POAGE.**

The amendment to the amendment was read.

#### **House Bills Referred.**

H. B. No. 311 referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

H. B. No. 610 referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 688 referred to Committee on Finance.

H. B. No. 811 referred too Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 821 referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 846 referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 851 referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 859 referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

H. B. No. 865 referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

H. B. No. 864 referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 866 referred to Committee on State Affairs.

H. B. No. 870 referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 874 referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 872 referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

#### **Recess.**

On motion of Senator Greer, the Senate, at 11:56 o'clock, recessed until 2 o'clock p. m.

#### **After Recess.**

The Senate met at 2 o'clock p. m., pursuant to recess, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

#### **Senate Bill No. 567.**

The question recurred on the pending amendment to the amendment to S. B. No. 567.

Senator Woodul withdrew his amendment.

Senator Moore sent up the following amendment:

Provided, that towns nad villages not traversed or touched directly by the main lines of highway authorized hereunder shall be connected thereto by a spur of the same width, class and material as main lines and said spurs shall be designated as a part of the system of highways and shall be maintained as such.

**MOORE.**

The amendment was read.

Amend Senate Bill No. 567 by adding thereto the following:

"Provided, that the Highway Commission may have the authority to designate Highways in the future, provided the designated extends from any point in the State Line and crosses the State to a point in the State Line, and said Highway Commission may use State Highway Funds in the construction of said Highways so designated, and may expend funds at any time on any Highway in the State that is designated as a Federal Highway."

**PARRISH.**

The amendment was read.

On motion of Senator Moore, the bill and the amendments were laid on the table subject to call and the amendments were ordered printed in the Journal.

#### **S. J. R. No. 2.**

The question recurred on the amendment by Senator Moore to S. J. R. No. 2.

Senator Woodul raised the point of order that a quorum was lacking the roll call showed 24 present.

Senator Oneal sent up the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the Moore amendment to committee substitute to S. J. R. No. 2, by striking out all from the beginning of same to the word "sum" in the second line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"the purposes hereinbefore named \$212,000,000.00 shall be the maximum amount of bonds to be issued

under this amendment. Of this \$212,000,000.00 only \$100,000,000.00 may be used for the construction of a State Highway system; and the."

ONEAL.

Read and adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Senator Moore sent up the following amendment:

Amend committee substitute to S. J. R. No. 2, page 4, by inserting after the word "Revenue" in line 3, the following: "derived from special taxes on gasoline and motive power ever assessed and collected for highway construction."

MOORE.

The amendment was read.

Senator Woodul sent up the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "power" the following "and license fees."

WOODUL.

Read and adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Senator Woodward sent up the following amendment:

Amend C. S. to S. J. R. No. 2 by adding after line 22 and before line 23, on page 3, the following:

"Provided, however, that no property tax of any kind shall ever be levied, assessed, or collected on any homes, farms ranches, or on other property, real or personal, for the purpose of constructing a system of State Highways and reimbursing outlays and assuming and/or discharging obligations made by counties and defined road districts of the State therefor, nor for the payment of any state bonds hereafter issued for such purposes."

WOODWARD.

The amendment was read.

Senator Hopkins sent up the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend S. J. R. No. 2, Page 2, Section 1, Line 22 by adding after the word "therefor" the following:

"Provided however that no part of the General Revenue funds of the State of Texas and no property, real

or personal, of any character whatsoever, except the tax levied on gasoline or other motor fuels or motor vehicle license fees shall ever be subject or liable to the discharge or payment of such taxes so to be levied or such outlays or obligations so to be assumed or any part thereof."

HOPKINS,  
HORNSBY.

The substitute was read and adopted.

Senator Rawlings, sent up the following substitute for the amendment as substituted:

Amend the amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 2, as amended, by striking out lines 20, 21, and 22, on Page 3, and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"A reasonable tax may be levied on gasoline and other motor fuels for the construction and maintenance of a System of State Highways and reimbursing outlays and assuming and/or discharging obligations made by counties and defined road districts of the State therefor; provided, however, that no appropriation shall ever be made from the general revenues and no other tax of any kind or character shall ever be levied for such purposes."

RAWLINGS.

The substitute was read.

Senator Woodul sent up the following amendments to the substitute:

Amend Rawling's substitute by adding after the word "fuels" in line two of proposed amendment the following words "and a reasonable motor vehicle license fees."

WOODUL.

Read and adopted.

Amend the Rawling's substitute after the words "construction" the words "and maintenance."

WOODUL.

Read and adopted.

Amend the Rawling's substitute by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Provided further that one-fourth of any revenue derived from gasoline tax shall be applied to the public free school fund."

WOODUL.

Read and adopted.

Senator Parrish moved to reconsider the vote by which the first Woodul amendment to the Rawling's substitute was adopted. The motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Berkeley.	Oneal.
Cunningham.	Parr.
Hardin.	Parrish.
Hopkins.	Poage.
Hornsby.	Rawlings.
Martin.	Small.

Nays—15.

Beck.	Purl.
Cousins.	Russek.
Gainer.	Stevenson.
Holbrook.	Thomason.
Loy.	Woodruff.
Moore.	Woodul.
Neal.	Woodward.
Patton.	

**Absent.**

Greer. Williamson.

(Pair Recorded.)

Senator DeBerry present who would vote yea, with Senator Pollard absent who would vote nay.

The Rawlings substitute for the Hopkins amendment was adopted.

The amendment as substituted was adopted.

Senator Woodul sent up the following amendment:

Amend C. S. to S. J. R. No. 2, page 6, line 7, by striking out all after the first comma through line 12, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"and no property tax of any kind shall ever be levied, assessed or collected on any homes, farms or ranches, or on other property, real or personal, within this State, and provided further that no appropriations shall ever be made from the general revenue, and no other tax of any kind or character, except as herein provided, shall ever be levied to pay interest or principal on any such bonds."

**WOODUL.**

Senator Poage sent up the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by striking the word "property" out of the phrase "property tax".

**POAGE.**

Read and adopted.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Senator Woodul sent up the following out the word "property" out of following amendment:

Amend C. S. to S. J. R. No. 2, line 3, page 6, by inserting after the first comma and before the word "to" the following:

"and from motor license fees."

**WOODUL.**

Read and adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Beck.	Parr.
Cousins.	Patton.
Gainer.	Purl.
Greer.	Russek.
Holbrook.	Stevenson.
Loy.	Thomason.
Moore.	Williamson.
Neal.	Woodul.
Oneal.	Woodward.

Nays—12.

Berkeley.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Parrish.
DeBerry.	Poage.
Hardin.	Rawlings.
Hopkins.	Small.
Hornsby.	Woodruff.

**Absent.**

Pollard.

Senator Rawlings sent up the following amendment:

Amend S. J. R. No. 2, as amended, by striking out all after line 19, page 3, and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The Legislature may levy a reasonable tax upon gasoline and other motor fuels for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a system of State Highways, a part of which tax shall be set aside by the Legislature to reimburse outlays in assuming and/or discharging obligations made by counties and defined road districts of the State in constructing highways that are now parts of the designated State Highway System; provided, however, that no appropriation shall ever be made from the general revenues, and no other tax shall ever be levied, for such purposes."

**RAWLINGS.**

The amendment was read.

**Free Conference Requested.**

On motion of Senator Greer, the Senate voted to reconsider the vote by which House amendment to S. B. No. 367 was adopted.

On motion of Senator Greer, the Senate refused to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 367 and asked for a Free Conference Committee.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following on the part of the Senate:

Senators Greer, Patton, Thomason, Woodruff, and Martin.

**Bills Signed.**

The Chair, Lieut. Gov. Edgar E. Witt, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:  
H. B. No. 370, H. B. No. 695.

**Recess.**

On motion of Senator Woodul, the Senate, at 5:06 o'clock p. m., recessed until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**APPENDIX.****Petitions and Memorials.****UNITED STATES SENATE****Committee on Finance.**

March 27, 1931.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt,  
President of the Senate,  
Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. President:

I have received a copy of House Concurrent Resolution No. 41, inviting me to address the Senate and House of Representatives sometime during its present session.

Allow me to express to you and through you to the membership of the Senate, my grateful appreciation of the honor which this invitation confers. It shall afford me pleasure to comply with the invitation and I shall be glad to address the two houses at such a time as may be agreeable to them.

Sincerely,

TOM CONNALLY.

**Telegram.**

Carrizo Springs, Texas,

March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate, Austin, Texas.

Supplementing Representative Johnson's personal invitation to attend the rodeo at Carrizo Springs. We want you and the personnel of the Senate to be with us on April 3 and 4.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

**Committee on Engrossed Bills.**

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 215 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly Engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 380 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly Engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 113 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly Engrossed.

HARDIN, Chairman.

**Committee Reports.**

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 30, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 124, A bill to be entitled "An Act to confirm and validate the sale by the State, acting through the Board of Regents of the University of Texas, of certain University lands situated in Lamar County, Texas; reserving to the State the minerals in said lands; and creating an emergency."

Have had the same under con-



sideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

PARRISH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 28, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the graduate work of, and the conferring of degrees by certain State Educational Institutions; providing the means and manner thereof; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

NEAL, Chairman.

## FIFTY-SECOND DAY.

(Continued.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Tuesday, March 31, 1931.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to recess, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Edgar E. Witt.

### Senator Excused.

On motion of Senator Patton, Senator Pollard, was excused for the day on account of important business.

### Bill Signed.

The Chair, Lieut. Gov. Edgar E. Witt, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

S. B. No. 103.

### Messages from the House.

The Chair recognized the Door-keeper, who introduced a messenger from the House, with the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House

to inform the Senate that the House has granted the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses on Senate Bill No. 367. The following are conferees on the part of the House:

Sanders, Ford, Murphy, Justiss, Ramsey.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following resolution:

Simple Resolution, Requesting the Senate to return H. B. No. 678 to the House for correction.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

### Resolution.

Whereas, H. B. No. 678 was sent to the Senate several days ago, and Whereas, there is an error in the bill, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate return H. B. No. 678 to the House for correction.

LEMENS.

March 31, 1931, read an adopted.

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, March 31, 1931.

Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has granted the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee to consider the differences between the two Houses on Senate Bill No. 54. The following are conferees on the part of the House:

Burns of Walker, Graves, Davis, Anderson, Farrar.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

### Free Conference Requested.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the Senate refused to concur in House amendments to S. B. No. 54,